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Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated June 19, 2002, Applicants elect the species of Example 7 to which Figures 17-23 are concerned and which is readable on claims 1, 4, 6-13, and 17, for continued prosecution herein. Furthermore, in connection with the above-described application, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) An endoscope system according to Claim 1, wherein said sensitivity control means is controlled based on any of a designation signal output from a designating means, an information signal fed from a connected endoscope and representing

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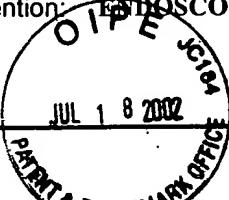
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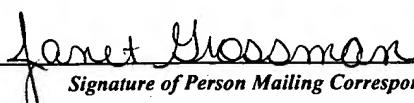
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